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A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax

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DATELINE

Dog Licenses are Due February 1

All dogs in the city age 4 months and older must be licensed by the City of Fairfax and vaccinated against rabies. Licenses are due by February 1.

2014 city dog licenses are available for \$5 per year for spayed or neutered dogs and \$10 per year for unaltered dogs. Licenses may be purchased at the Treasurer's Office in City Hall, and applications may be requested on the city's website. For information, call 703-385-7900.

Chocolate Lovers Festival will be held
February 1-2 in
Old Town Fairfax.
See page 2!

City Government Offices Close February 17

City government offices will close February 17 in observance of George Washington Day.

The General District Court also will be closed; for information, call 703-385-7866.

CUE Bus will run on a modified weekday schedule; for information, call 703-385-7859.

Trash and recyclables will not be collected February 17. Those with regular Monday and Tuesday service should place their items at the curb on Tuesday, February 18. For information, call 703-385-7837.

The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center will be open. For information, call 703-385-8414.

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

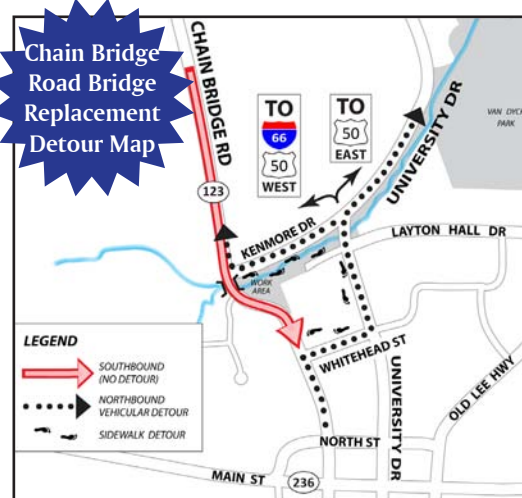
Route 123 Bridge Replacement Scheduled to Begin in Early March

Construction on the bridge on Route 123/Chain Bridge Road at Kenmore Drive currently is scheduled to begin in early March to replace the aging bridge across Accotink Creek. *(Please note date change.)*

During this time, northbound Chain Bridge Road traffic will be detoured. Southbound traffic will not be detoured, but lanes will shift in the work zone. Sidewalks in the work zone will be closed. Pedestrians should follow the Chain Bridge Road detour. *(See map, right.)*

The detour will be in place for most of the duration of the project, which could take up to six months. Consider University Drive as an alternate north-south route to avoid the work zone.

For up-to-date information, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7810.



Budget Presentation Set for February 25

Help the City Council determine the city's financial priorities for fiscal year 2014-15 by participating in the annual budget review.

City Manager Bob Sisson presents the proposed budget to the City Council and the public during the February 25 work session.

The budget review process will continue until the Mayor and City Council adopt the final budget, which is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30.

In addition to the meetings and work sessions, the City Council will hold community outreach meetings to provide the public with an additional opportunities to speak on the budget. *(Please see the schedule at right.)*

The budget is a detailed description of how taxpayer money is spent and also is a fact-filled reference on the city government's structure and operations.

The proposed budget explains the city's goals, proposed programs and activities for that fiscal year. The budget

also includes the first year of the five-year Capital Improvement Program.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the February 25 City Council meeting, and the budget document and will be posted on the city's website. For information, call 703-385-7870.

Budget Review Schedule

- February 25: budget presentation
- March 11: City Council meeting and work session; public outreach meeting
- March 18: work session (staff presentations)
- March 25: public hearing and work session; real estate tax rate to be advertised
- April 1: budget work session and public outreach meeting
- April 8: public hearing and work session
- April 22: public hearing and work session
- April 30: public hearing and budget adoption

Budget meetings and work sessions are held at the City Hall Annex and are televised on Cityscreen-12; see page 5 for schedule and viewing information. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed. Schedule is subject to change.



NEWS & NOTES

Apply Now for the 2014 Citizen's Fire Academy

Learn more about the operation and organization of the City of Fairfax Fire Department at the Citizen's Fire Academy, which begins in March 12.

This 12-week program includes about 28 hours of instruction. Sessions last about two and a half hours and are held at the city's Public Safety Training Center, 9650 Colonial Avenue. Class size is limited to 16 students, so register early.

For information, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7940.

Tax Prep Assistance Available from City, VITA, AARP, TCE

The Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue provides free assistance preparing and filing federal, state and estimated tax returns for city residents with incomes up to \$60,000. Assistance is provided by appointment from February 17 through April 11 in City Hall. To make an appointment, call 703-385-7880.

AARP TaxAide and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) offer free federal tax return assistance to low- and moderate-income persons of any age through April 15 at multiple drop-in locations throughout the area. For information, call (888) AARP-NOW.

Military personnel and the elderly have options: Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) provides free tax help for people age 60 and older and military personnel also can get free tax help through the Armed Forces Tax Council. For information, call (800) 829-1040.

Find out first! Find out fast!

Sign up for eMAS, the City of Fairfax electronic message alert system, on the city's website: www.fairfaxva.gov.



Sworn Into Office



Tom Scibilia (left), the city's new Treasurer, and William Page Johnson II (right), who has served as the city's Commissioner of the Revenue since 1998, were sworn in to office on December 23, 2013 to serve their four-year terms. (Photos: Pete Dowty, City of Fairfax)

City Receives DEQ Grants for Stream Restoration, Stormwater Management

The City of Fairfax Public Works Department has received two grants this year from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for city projects. For information, call 703-385-7810.

The city received \$285,000 of matching grant monies from the DEQ Stormwater Local Assistance Fund for the Daniels Run stream restoration capitol improvement project, currently in the preliminary stages of design.

The city also was awarded \$42,590 in matching grant monies for the implementation of the second phase of its new required stormwater management

program — specifically, stormwater training and the creation of a new geospatial best management practices (BMP) database to be used for the new city-wide BMP inspection program. In 2012, Public Works was awarded \$25,000 in matching grant monies toward the first phase of the Virginia Stormwater Management Program, including the new stormwater ordinance, adopted by the City Council in November 2013.

In 2013, DEQ funded 36 projects by 60 jurisdictions statewide to develop and help develop local stormwater programs, keeping them consistent with the Virginia Stormwater Management Act.



Chocolate Lovers Festival Schedule

Saturday, February 1

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast — 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fire Station 3
Child Fingerprinting — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fairfax Courthouse
Taste of Chocolate — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Old Town Hall
Chocolate Challenge and Silent Auction — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nutrition Kitchen
The Chocolate Caper Mock Trial — 10:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., Fairfax Courthouse
Musical Duo of Cody & BJ — 11 a.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library
Harley Eye Candy Photos — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library
So You Think You Are Smarter Than a Lawyer? — 11:45 a.m., Fairfax Courthouse
Fire Safety Puppet Show — 12:30 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library
Chocolate-Covered Fairy Tales with Gary Lloyd — 2 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library
See Jane Sing Quartet — 3:30 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library
Open House and Exhibits — Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. • Legato School, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Ford Building, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Ratcliffe-Allison House, noon to 4 p.m.
Willy Wonka Children's Activities — 6-6:30 pm, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center
Chocolate Movie Night: featuring *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* (rated PG) — 7-9 pm, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center

Sunday, February 2

Chocolate Challenge and Silent Auction — noon to 4 p.m., Nutrition Kitchen
Taste of Chocolate — noon to 4 p.m., Old Town Hall
Fire Safety Puppet Show — 12:30 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library
Animal Ambassadors: *Journey to the Jungle* — 2-3 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library
Magic With Turley — 3:30-4:15 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library
Open House and Exhibits — Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. • Legato School, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Ratcliffe-Allison House, noon to 4 p.m.

Schedule is subject to change. Visit www.chocolatefestival.net for an event map and information on parking, shuttle schedules, costs and more.

Information: www.chocolatefestival.net • 703-385-1661

City Business Recycling Reports Due Online by March 1

City business owners can help the city share their recycling success with the state by submitting their annual recycling reports with information on the amount of recycling their businesses generate.

The business recycling report must be submitted electronically using a form on the city's website. For information, call 703-385-7837.

The report, which must be submitted online between January 1 and March 1, details actual or estimated weight or volume of recycled materials provided by the business' recycling vendors.

Commercial property owners who

provide recycling services for their tenants must submit the information on behalf of those tenants.



Business owners who have received permission from the city to use the city's recycling center for this purpose must submit a report with an estimate of their recycling amounts.

Home-based businesses do not submit reports; their refuse already is included in the city's annual municipal recycling report.

The report must be filled out online. Computer services and Internet access are available for free at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street.

Fairfax Water Delivers New Customer Packets, Responds to Water Service Issues

Fairfax County Water Authority (Fairfax Water) has mailed "water customer information packets" to all city residential and business water customers. This packet includes information about service, billing and other frequently asked questions. For information, call 703-698-5800.

Additionally, city water customers soon will receive their final bill from the City of Fairfax Utility Department. For information, call 703-385-7915.

All water-related activities including construction projects, water main breaks,

customer service, billing, and customer concerns will be handled by Fairfax Water.

Please report water main breaks and other water-related service issues directly to Fairfax Water. The customer service phone number is 703-698-5800. For after-hour water emergencies and service issues, call 703-698-5613.

Be sure to visit the Fairfax Water website at www.FairfaxWater.org for information about current service, water source, billing and more. For information, call 703-698-5800.

City Conducts Deer Sterilization Program

The City of Fairfax has begun participation in a research program to manage the city's resident deer population through the humane sterilization of does. The program, authorized by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and funded by non-governmental grants, will be conducted during the nighttime hours through February 6 by White Buffalo, Inc.

Uniformed City of Fairfax police officers in marked vehicles will accompany White Buffalo personnel, who will locate does in public open spaces in the city and tranquilize them with a dart.

Tranquilized does will be transported to the police station, where licensed veterinarians will perform the sterilization procedure. Afterward, does will be

carefully returned to the general area where they were first located.

Tranquilizer darts have no lasting effect on the does, who may appear slightly confused as they recover from the tranquilizer.

Tranquilizer darts will not be used near buildings, vehicles or people. If a doe makes her way onto private property after receiving the dart, White Buffalo personnel will seek permission of the resident or property owner before collecting the tranquilized animal.

White Buffalo, Inc., has conducted similar programs in other communities, which have successfully curtailed the deer population without injury to the animals. For information, call 703-273-2889.



Refuse Container Size Limited; Place at Curb in Timely Fashion

City Code limits the size of refuse containers to 35 gallons or 60 pounds.

Recyclables may be placed at the curb using city-supplied bins or full-size blue trash containers clearly marked as "recycling."

Residents are asked to place all containers and debris at the curb no earlier than dusk the previous day and no later than 7 a.m. of collection day.

Please remove these containers from the curb by 8 p.m. on collection day. City refuse and recycling collection is provided once a week.

Remember, the city does not collect debris created by contractors. The cost of disposing contractor debris should not be borne by the city government.

Recycling, Disposal Information Available

Find two flyers to help properly dispose of trash and recyclables:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City,*
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*

For a copy of the flyers, visit the city's Refuse & Recycling page (under Operations Division in the Public Works Department section) or call 703-293-7141.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

SafeAssured ID Event Set for February 8

The City of Fairfax Police Department, with the Optimist Club of Central Fairfax, will prepare SafeAssured ID kits for children by appointment from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. February 8 at the police station, 3730 Old Lee Highway. For an appointment, call 703-273-2889.

SafeAssured ID provides parents with a full-color photo ID card, digital fingerprints, video, photos, a family code word and other vital personal information accessible only by law enforcement. There is no database.

Hardin Chosen to Lead Planning Department

Brooke Hardin has been chosen as the city's director of the Community Development and Planning Department.

Hardin has served as the city's Planning Division chief since 2011. His responsibilities ranged from updating the city's *Comprehensive Plan*, the city's overall guide for development, to overseeing the current rewrite of the city's zoning ordinance, which determines how land may be used within the city limits.

His background includes deputy director of the Planning and Development Review Department for the City of Richmond, Virginia and worked in economic development for Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Hardin, a city resident, replaces David Hudson, who retired in December 2013 after nearly 30 years of service.

City Provides Real Estate Tax, Rent Relief

The City of Fairfax provides real estate tax and rental relief for senior citizens or city residents with permanent or total disabilities.

Applications for these programs are available from the Finance Department. For information, call 703-359-2486.

For real estate tax relief, the combined gross household income limit is \$72,000 and the current asset limit is \$340,000. Different types of real estate tax relief are granted on a sliding scale based on income.

Qualified homeowners may choose *basic tax relief* (full or partial tax relief), *tax deferral*, *tax freeze*; or *combination tax freeze and deferral*. Information is mailed to city residents in tax assessment notices.

Rent relief is available for senior citizens age 65 and older or renters with permanent or total disabilities. The maximum household income level is \$40,000 and the assistance is a single payment of \$420 per year.

Also, Virginia has a real estate tax exemption for the primary residence of certain disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The veteran must be declared 100 percent service-connected, permanently and totally disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

City residents and business owners are invited to
the Mason/Community Forum
to be held at 7:30 pm February 26
in the City Hall Annex, Room 100 (Council Chamber).
Information: www.gmu.edu, 703-993-8846

Partial Tax Exemption Offered for Renovated Homes

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption.

The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The residential structure — single-family house or duplex — must be at least 15 years old. The improvements

must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption *before any construction begins* (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted).

The city assessor will establish the base value of the home before construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished.

For information, call 703-385-7840.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- **Board of Building Code Appeals** (one vacancy for position with fire protection experience) — Acts on applications for appeals from building official decisions based on the provisions of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code which relate to the technical aspects of building maintenance regulations and to all of the other provisions of such code. Meets as needed.
- **Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments** (one vacancy for alternate position) — Hears appeals of assessed value of real estate. Court appointed.
- **Commission on the Arts** (one vacancy for city resident) — Encourages and provides opportunities for artistic expression within the city. It is not necessary to be an artist to be on the commission; anyone with an interest may apply.
- **Environmental Sustainability Committee** (one vacancy for city resident) — Serves in an advisory role to the City Council and all Boards and Commissions on environmental and energy conservation issues.
- **Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board** (one vacancy for city resident) — Sets program policies and serves as directorate for the local programs within the local Alcohol Safety Action Program.
- **Fairfax Area Disability Services Board** (one vacancy for city resident) — Advises local government about the service needs of persons with physical and sensory disabilities and implements the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **Fairfax Commission on Aging** (one vacancy for city resident) — Informs the community of the needs of the elderly and makes legislative and budgetary recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on issues faced by the elderly.
- **Fairfax County Commission on Organ Tissue Donation and Transplantation** (one vacancy for city resident) — Coordinates resources in the community; promotes awareness of organ and tissue donation and transplantation; educates the community about the organ and tissue donation process; and increases the number of Fairfax County organ and tissue donors.
- **Health Systems Agency for Northern Virginia** (one vacancy for city representative) — Plans for the health-care needs of the area and works with other regional groups on health-care issues.
- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** (one vacancy for city resident) — Serves in an advisory role to the City Council and makes recommendations on park and recreation facilities and programs. Meets on the second Thursday of the month.
- **Planning Commission** (one vacancy for city resident) — Serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council and plans for the future development of the city. Prepares and reviews the Comprehensive Plan; reviews subdivision and site plan submission; and makes recommendations to City Council on the Capital Improvement Program, rezonings and text amendments.

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required. Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. Information: 703-385-7935.



FEBRUARY

CITYSCREEN-12 SCHEDULE

The Fairfax Scene

Through February 14, enjoy highlights from a lecture on *Emancipation and Black Soldiers*. Beginning February 15, *The Fairfax Scene* will feature highlights from the 2014 Chocolate Lovers Festival.

The Fairfax Scene plays at 2 pm and 6 pm daily. Shows are archived online under "special programming" and on the city's YouTube channel.

School Board Meeting

Monday, February 3, 7:30 pm, LIVE

Replays:

Tuesday, February 4, 10 am, 7 pm;
Thursday, February 6, 10 am, 7 pm;
Monday, February 17, 10 am, 7 pm;
Tuesday, February 18, 10 am, 7 pm;
Thursday, February 20, 10 am, 7 pm;
Archived online February 4

Planning Commission Meetings

Monday, February 10, 7 pm, LIVE

Replays:

Tuesday, February 11, 10 am;
Thursday, February 13, 10 am, 7 pm;
Archived online February 11

Monday, February 24, 7 pm, LIVE

Replays:

Tuesday, February 25, 10 am;
Thursday, February 27, 10 am, 7 pm;
Archived online February 25

City Council Meetings, Work Sessions

Tuesday, February 11, 7 pm, LIVE

Replays:

Wednesday, February 12, 10 am, 7 pm;
Friday, February 14, 10 am, 7 pm;
Saturday, February 15, 10 am, 7 pm;
Sunday, February 16, 10 am, 7 pm;
Archived online February 12

OnDEMAND replay begins February 16

Tuesday, February 25, 7 pm, LIVE

Replays:

Wednesday, February 26, 10 am, 7 pm;

Friday, February 28, 10 am, 7 pm;
Saturday, March 1, 10 am, 7 pm;
Sunday, March 2, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online February 26
OnDEMAND replay begins March 2

Encore!, Road to Recovery

Enjoy an encore musical performance at 4 pm daily. On days there are no meetings or meeting replays, watch *The Road to Recovery*, a program produced by the Department of Health and Human Services, which plays in meeting time slots.

Watch Cityscreen-12 Online, OnDEMAND

View Cityscreen-12 at your convenience.

On the city's website, the 24-hour bulletin board plays continuously and televised meetings and special programs are available live and are archived for later viewing.

City Council meetings and work sessions are available in the Cox Communications OnDEMAND "Free Zone."

Programming is subject to change — see Cityscreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. Information: 703-385-7803.



Proposed Agendas for School Board, Planning Commission, City Council

School Board (for information, call 703-385-7911)

February 3 regular meeting

- Presentation of Virginia School Boards Association Certificates of Appreciation to School Board members.
- Student representative report.
- Presentation on Providence Elementary School.
- Approval of funds for Fairfax High School's All-Night Graduation Party

February 24 work session

- Presentations: Future development data; "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD) update; review fiscal year 2014-15 City Council budget presentation; School Board Development.

Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)

February 10 regular meeting

- Discussion of redevelopment of the Fairfax Circle Plaza Shopping Center property for a mixed use development with retail and rental apartments.

February 24 regular meeting

- Public hearing on a proposed proffer amendment for 10560 Main Street (Mosby Tower building).

City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)

February 11 regular meeting and work session

- Consideration of an award of contract to three firms for on-call transportation planning and engineering services (and possible task orders).
- Consideration of policy changes for the wastewater utility. These changes will be to modify the wastewater policy based on the Fairfax Water takeover of the water utility and the billing and add a basic charge to the wastewater utility to transfer the responsibility of maintaining the wastewater laterals within the rights-of-way to the city.
- Discussion of Lotte Plaza redevelopment.

February 25 regular meeting and work session

- Public hearings: on a request by Lotte Plaza for a special use permit for a grocery store and 700 trips per day in the highway corridor overlay district and associated special exceptions; on a request by Woodmont Shopping Center for a special exception for a parking reduction at 11143 Lee Highway; on a request by Novus/Britt redevelopment project.
- Presentation on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-15 by City Manager Bob Sisson.

Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm.





CITY COUNCIL REPORTER

January 14, 2014

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of an award of contract to Jeffery Stack, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$151,755 to construct a trail at Ashby Pond Conservatory; Consideration of the renewal of Constitutional Officer Agreements for the Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue; Consideration of an award of contract to URS for stormwater compliance and engineering and general civil design consultant services; Consideration of an award of contract to Woolpert for stormwater compliance and engineering and general civil design consultant services; Consideration of an award of contract to Timmons Group for stormwater compliance and engineering and general civil design consultant services; Consideration of an award of contract to RKK for stormwater compliance and engineering and general civil design consultant services; Consideration of an award of contract to Volkert, Inc. for project inspection and oversight consultant services; Consideration of approval of a task order to Volkert Inc. for project inspection and oversight consultant services for Route 123 (Chain Bridge Road) over Accotink Creek bridge replacement an amount not to exceed \$547,990.48; Consideration of a resolution for the reappropriation of Capital Project Funds to fiscal year 2013-14 that were appropriated in fiscal year 2012-13 and have not yet been obligated; Introduction of an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$84,200 for the replacement of a natural gas line at the City Property Yard; Introduction of an ordinance adopting City Code Supplement No. 15.

Public hearings

- Approved, 5-1, to adopt an ordinance to approve the application of Fairfax Plaza, LLC, by Mehdi Sarbaz, property owner, to rezone the subject property from C-2 Retail Commercial and I-2, Industrial to C-2(p), Retail Commercial with proffers dated December 30, 2013 on the premises known as 9538 Lee Highway. (*In favor: Councilmembers De-*

Marco, Drummond, Greenfield, Schmidt and Stombres; opposed: Councilmember Meyer.)

- Approved, 5-1, to adopt a resolution to approve the request by Fairfax Plaza, LLC, for special exceptions to City Code to reduce the width of the front landscape strip adjacent to the public right-of-way and to modify the restriction to allow individual businesses to be identified on a shopping center identification ground-mounted sign at 9538 Lee Highway, subject to condition. (*In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Drummond, Greenfield, Schmidt and Stombres; opposed: Councilmember Meyer.*)
- Approved, unanimously, to defer action on an ordinance authorizing the vacation of a portion of a city waterline easement in Loudoun County, Virginia, to January 28, 2014.
- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$61,755 to fund the Ashby Pond Conservatory Trail project for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code pertaining to unlawful hunting.

Items not requiring a public hearing

- Approved, unanimously, a resolution regarding a 2008 Financing Lease held by SunTrust Bank.
- Approved, unanimously, a resolution establishing a public art policy for the City of Fairfax.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

- Approved, unanimously, the 2014 reappointments to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments as listed in the staff report.
- Approved, unanimously, the reappointment of John O'Brien Clarke to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term extending through February 14, 2019.
- Approved, unanimously, the reappointment of Molly Grimsley to the Commission on the Arts for a three-year term extending through January 14, 2017.
- Approved, unanimously, the reappointment of Matthew Cooper and Thomas Kennedy to the Environmental

Sustainability Committee for three-year terms extending through January 24, 2017.

- Approved, unanimously, the reappointment of Jocelyn Rappaport to the Long Term Care Committee for a three-year term extending through February 22, 2017.
- Approved, unanimously, the reappointment of Edward Cawley to the Retirement Plan Administrative Committee for a three-year term extending through February 28, 2017.

Council Comments

- * Councilmember Meyer requested that staff provide the Council with an estimated commencement date for the construction and questioned if staff had any conversations with the developer to address concerns regarding the staging of construction equipment.
- * The Council came to a consensus to have staff draft a staff report for the next City Council meeting to address changing the terms of City Council and School Board from two years to four years.

In Case of Emergency...

City website

www.fairfaxva.gov

24-hour access, updates

Cityscreen-12

Channel 12 on cable television
and city website

24-hour access, updates

eMAS message alert system

messages sent to subscribers
via e-mail, pager, text and phone

24-hour access, updates

City newsline

703-273-1776

recorded information

24-hour access, updates

General Information

703-385-7855 (TTY: 7-1-1)

regular business hours

Office of Emergency Management

703-385-4856 (TTY: 7-1-1)

regular business hours

Council Reporters are condensed due to space constraints. For a complete copy, call 703-385-7935.

City of Fairfax Community Calendar

February 2014

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Helpful Phone Numbers

City government information..... 703-385-7855
City News and Events Line..... 703-273-1776
Arts and Cultural Events Line..... 703-352-ARTS
City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227
Civil War Interpretive Center..... 703-591-0560
Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703-385-8414
FHS Sports Line..... 703-749-8130
George Mason University events..... 703-993-1056
Information is subject to last-minute change.

Free federal and state tax assistance is available:

by appointment
February 17 through April 11
City of Fairfax
City Hall
703-385-7880;
Page.Johnson@fairfaxva.gov

drop-in:
AARP - TaxAid
10:15 am to 2 pm Thursdays,
1:15-5 pm Saturdays
Mott Community Center
12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax
703-278-8605

drop-in:
AARP - TaxAid
10 am to 2 pm weekdays
Sun Trust Bank,
515 Maple Avenue, Vienna
(888) AARP-NOW

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Chocolate Lovers Festival, Old Town Fairfax — see page 2



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Summer camp registration begins for returning campers
Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall
School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)



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Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city.
For information, visit today.gmu.edu or call 703-993-1056.

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Environmental Sustainability Committee, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center

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Fairfax City Democratic meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex

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Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)
Driving Miss Daisy, 8 pm, Center for the Arts

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SafeAssured ID Kits, 10 am to 4 pm, Police Station (appointments required)
Swing Dances at Sherwood, 8 pm (free dance lessons at 7:30 pm), Sherwood Community Center
Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra, 8 pm, Center for the Arts

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Second Sunday Series: Civil War Contraband Camps, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center
The King's Sisters, 4 pm, Center for the Arts

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Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)



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City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)
English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library



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Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, 4031 University Drive
Spotlight on the Arts Steering Committee meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center
Historic Fairfax City, Inc. meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Independence Day logo submissions due
Sherwood Cinema Series: Smurfs 2, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center
Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3
U.S. Navy Band Woodwind Quintet, 8 pm, Old Town Hall

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Dog and Cat Adoption Event, 11 am to 2 pm, Pet Supplies, 11054 Lee Highway
Peter Nero, 8 pm, Center for the Arts

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Virginia Opera: Ariadne auf Naxos, 2 pm, Center for the Arts
Northern Virginia Youth Winds Winter Concert, 3 pm, Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna

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George Washington Day
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Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center open

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Monday and Tuesday trash/recycling routes collected
Summer camp registration begins for new campers (and returning campers)
Commission on the Arts, meeting 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center
Commission for Women, 7:15 pm, City Hall

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Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Friday Morning Music Club, 11 am, Old Town Hall
City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)

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Hispanics in the American Civil War, 2 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim

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Electric Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm, I-66 Transfer Station
Cool Tunes for a Winter's Day by the Main Street Community Band and Fairfax Swing Band, 4 pm, Sidney Lanier Middle School

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Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)
School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School



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City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)
English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library



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Mason/Community Forum, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex

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Our Daily Bread: Empty Bowls, 6 pm, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center
Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)
U.S. Navy Band Woodwind Quintet, 8 pm, Old Town Hall

Remember:
Commercial Recycling Reports are due March 1.
Information:
www.fairfaxva.gov,
703-385-7837

ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

Summer Camp Registration Begins February 3

Registration for returning participants of the city's summer camp program will be offered February 3-17.

All first-time campers may begin registration February 18, space permitting.

Programs for children age 3 (pre-kindergarten) through rising 10th graders are held from June 30 to August 15 in city schools, either for seven weeks or in designated two-week sessions. Specialty camps also are offered.

Registration is accepted:

- in person at City Hall (Room 123), Green Acres Center (4401 Sideburn Road) or the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center (3740 Old Lee Highway)
- by fax to 703-246-6321, or
- by mail to the Parks and Recreation Department at City Hall.

History Talks Planned February 9, 22

Learn about *Civil War Contraband Camps* at 2 pm February 9 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. For information, call 703-385-8414.

Discover the roles played by *Hispan-*

ics in the American Civil War at 2 p.m. February 22 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. For information, call 703-591-0560.

Sherwood Cinema Series Continues

Catch a family movie for free at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Scheduled movies include *Smurfs 2* February 14, *Despicable Me 2* March 4 and *Hercules* April 11.

Lights go down at 7 p.m.; participants may bring their own snacks — and, from 7-9 p.m., Our Daily Bread will accept non-perishable food items.

Independence Day Logo and Parade Announcements

The Independence Day Celebration Committee is soliciting requests for area graphic designers and schools to participate in the 2014 Independence Day logo contest, based on the theme *Freedom, Family, Fairfax* with a submission deadline of February 14. The winning artist will receive \$100 for usage and rights to the logo.

Parade applications, now available

online, are due April 1. Visit the Independence Day event page on the city website.

Historic Blenheim Hours Change

The hours of Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center on the historic site have changed to 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (except major holidays).

Guided tours of Historic Blenheim will be offered at 1 pm Tuesday through Saturday.

For information, visit the Historic Blenheim page on the city's website or call 703-591-0560.

Vendor Applications Accepted for City Events

The City of Fairfax seeks applications for vendors to participate in city special events.

Applications are available on the city website and are due March 14. Here are vendor opportunities for upcoming city special events:

- Food vendors are sought for the Independence Day activities July 4.
- Craft and food vendors are sought for the Fall Festival October 11 and the Holiday Craft Show November 15-16.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 7-1-1).



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